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Good afternoon,

For the IOAA's review, please find attached the draft joint response to the OIG draft report on scientific integrity. The response memo addresses corrective action responses to the OIG's 12 report recommendations (11 to ORD and 1 to AO). As agreed upon, OSAPE has drafted the joint response for the IOAA and AO's review and signature. Also attached is the OIG draft report.

Please note an attachment of ORD technical edits on the OIG report language is forthcoming and will be sent to the IOAA for review. Given the number of OIG recommendations, we wanted to send the memo to the IOAA as soon as it was ready for Jennifer's review.

Once the IOAA gives the green light, ORD's audit team can send the joint response memo to the AO for their review. If the IOAA has other suggestions to coordinate the AO's review/approval of the memo, please let us know.

Additionally, the agency's scientific integrity committee has asked for an opportunity to review the joint response memo prior to OIG submission. The SI committee members have reviewed the draft report and provided edits/comments, which will be included as a separate attachment of SI committee technical comments.

**Could the IOAA please aim to complete their review by March 16<sup>th</sup>.** Following the IOAA's review, the memo will be sent to the AO for review. Any edits will be incorporated into a final joint response memo, then circulated for Jennifer and Doug's signatures.

Please note the OIG has granted an extension to March 27<sup>th</sup> to submit the joint agency response.

If additional information is needed, please contact ORD's audit team ([ORD\\_AuditTeam@epa.gov](mailto:ORD_AuditTeam@epa.gov)). Thank you.

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